Cases of P.S.Us. Pending with BIFR

451. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of P.S.Us. pending with B.I.F.R. at present;

(b) since how long they are pending; and

(c) what are the number of employees|workers involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) As on 24.4.1992, references were received by BIFR U/S 15 of SICA from 14 PSEs. These were scrutinised and the concerned PSEs were addressed by BIFR to rectify the defects. However only one enterprise. namely Bharat Pump and Compressors Ltd. employing 1120 workers has been registered with BIFR on 23-4-1992.

Pending N.R.I. proposals to locate industries

452. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of proposals from N.R.Is. and other external investors which are pending to locate industries in the country, since the present Government came into office; and

(b) what is the stage of consideration of these proposals at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) According to the new Industrial Policy, entrepreneurs are not required to obtain an industrial licence, except for a short list of 18 industries, for setting up of industries. They are required to file only an Information Memorandum. Since the announcement of New Industrial Policy on 24-7-91, 67 approvals for foreign collaboration, import of Capital Goods and industrial licence, in the various fields like printing, chemical, computer software etc. have been accorded by SAC (NRI), upto 31.3.92. Applications from Non-resident Indians and other external investors for setting up industries requiring compulsory licensing, are considered on merit by Government, in accordance with the policy in force.

Strategy to improve Public Sector Undertakings

453. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a three point strategy to improve public sector performance;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the sick public sector units are incurring heavy losses day by day; and

(d) if so, steps Government propose to take to adopt such strategy to make them viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The strategy to improve the performance of public sector has been announced in the Industrial Policy Statement of July, 1991.

(c) and (d) As per the performance of the enterprises during 1990-91, there are 54 sick public sector enterprises which have incurred a loss of Rs. 1472.88 crores. The enterprises which are covered under the provisions of (SICA are required to be referred to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulation of revival/rehabilitation schemes for these enterprises.